

Research on urban sanitation in Ethiopia and the integration of nutrition, gender and WASH



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Project Summary	Synthesize research on urban sanitation needs and challenges in Ethiopia, nutrition integration studies, and gender assessments. Make recommendations to catalyze sustainable access to improved urban sanitation, address gender issues, and enhance coordination among WASH and nutrition programs.
Country	Ethiopia

Project Description

Ethiopia achieved its Millennium Development Goal target of 57 percent access to safe drinking water, halving the number of people without access to safe water since 1990. Yet access to improved sanitation remains stubbornly low at only 28 percent nationwide up from three percent in 1990. Despite these strides, safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) coverage remains insufficient. Inadequate access to safe water and sanitation services and poor hygiene practices negatively impact health and nutrition; diarrheal disease is one of the leading causes of under-five mortality in Ethiopia.

To catalyze sustainable access to improved sanitation, we are helping to create widespread demand for sanitation products and services through a community-led total sanitation and hygiene approach. Lessons from these

efforts will be shared widely and will feed into the national sanitation dialogue and strengthen the Ethiopian Government's capacity to coordinate WASH and water resource management. We are also supporting small sanitation businesses to respond to increased consumer demand through targeted training on product development, marketing and procurement. By focusing on both demand and supply, activities are making progress in delivering improved sanitation to the 72 million Ethiopians still using unimproved latrines or worse.

This project opportunity will enable students to support the design of our new urban sanitation program through review of research and synthesis of findings and recommendations. This will provide guidance to our new projects and support coordination of USAID efforts in related sectors, including health and nutrition. Please join our team to support us in achieving USAID's mission to reduce poverty and malnutrition and raise the quality of life in Ethiopia.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Cultural diplomacy

Data analysis

Data visualization

Design thinking

Political Analysis

Research

Social media management

Storytelling/blogging/vlogging

Additional Information

For more information about USAID Ethiopia and WASH, see our:

Website (<https://www.usaid.gov/ethiopia/water-and-sanitation>)

Factsheet (https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1860/Fact_Sheet_Water_Jul_2017.pdf)

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/usaidethiopia>)

Language Requirements

None